

Remarks

The Applicants believe that this amendment places the subject application in better condition for allowance and in so doing introduces no new issues. Therefore, entry of this Amendment, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 were previously presented in the subject application. Claims 12, 34, and 35 were previously withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claims 2-11, 13-33, and 36 remain in this case.

Initially, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing Claim 36 over the prior art of record, and for indicating that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has complied with the Examiner's suggestion by rewriting Claim 4 in independent form to include the limitations of the claim from which it depended.

The remaining claims, Claims 2, 3, 5-11, and 13-33, all now depend directly or indirectly from Claim 4. No new matter has been added. Therefore, Claims 2-11, 13-33, and 36 are believed to be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is respectfully requested. However, if any matters remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-0734** referencing docket no. 99,316/1105.025. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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